

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q51505

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Appln. No.: 09/125,814

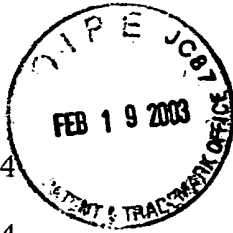
Group Art Unit: 1617

Confirmation No.: 8214

Examiner: Alysia Berman

Filed: August 26, 1998

For: POWDERY COMPOSITION FOR NASAL ADMINISTRATION



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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted with a Request for Continued Examination in response to the Office Action dated May 16, 2002, and subsequent to the filing of a Notice of Appeal on November 18, 2002. Review and reconsideration on the merits in view of the following remarks and amendments is respectfully requested.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 46-50 and 68-98 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims:

51. (amended) A powdery composition for nasal administration comprising
- (i) a drug,
 - (ii) one or more of a water-absorbing and gel-forming base material selected from the group consisting of hydroxypropyl cellulose, hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose, methyl cellulose, hydroxyethyl cellulose, and sodium carboxymethyl cellulose and

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